Revision of Pay Scales of Officers of Bombay Port Trust

*828. SHRI MOHAN RAWLE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether the pay scales of officers of the Bombay Port Trust have not been revised;

(b) whether these officers have also not been given the benefit of pay scales of the Fourth Pay Commission;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) when the pay scales of the officers of the Bombay Port Trust are likely to be revised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINSTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) The pay scales of the Officers of Bombay Port Trust and all other Major Ports were last revised for a period of five years w.e.f. 01.08.1982.

(b) and (c) Bombay Port Trust is an autonomous body. Its pay structure is different from that of the Central Government. It is therefore, not covered by the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission.

(d) The recommendation of the Committee set up for the Pay Revision of Class I and II Officers of Major Port Trusts Dock Labour Boards are under examination.

Expansion Plan for NIFT

*829. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase in the export of textiles after the establishment of the National Institute of Fashion Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have any plan for expansion of this institute; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b): National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)was established in the year 1986 as a centre for human resource development for garment industry. The exports of textile items (including garments) increased from Rs.2579 crores in 1986-87 to Rs.8362 crores in 1990-91. Garment exports increased from Rs.1504 crores to Rs.4640 crores during the same period.

(c) and (d): At present, the Institute is engaged in conducting Diploma Programmes in Fashion Design, Apparel Merchandising and Marketing and Garment Manufacturing Technology. The institute also conducts continuing education programmes like seminars/workshops etc. in different centres. The Institute would like to improve the infrastructural facilities and stabilise the activities already undertaken before embarking upon any major expansion programme, NIFT, plans to, besides increasing the intake into the courses already launched, expand into areas like Accessory designs, Knitwear design and Leather Garment design.

Production and consumption of Rubber

* 830. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: